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LEAD wins Shingo prize

Representative Bill Shuster and Army leadership recently recognized the Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., workforce for winning the Shingo Prize.

Letterkenny was awarded the Shingo Prize Public Sector Silver Recipient Award for “demonstrated achievement in implementing Lean systems in support of the maintenance, repair and overhaul of the Patriot Missile Air Defense System.” The prize was awarded Oct. 6, 2005, during a ceremony in Portsmouth, Va., by Dr. Rob Robson, executive director of the Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing.

Tobyhanna producing Lean employees

Six Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa., employees are currently training to receive their Lean Six Sigma certifications.

In pursuit of their black belt, five of the employees are developing projects to apply LSS. Jennifer Godusky, Don Engel, Jim Bochicchio, Mark Viola, and James Waters are receiving their training through the Northeastern Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center. Bob Young is training for his master black belt through AMC, where he will earn his ISO 9000 lead auditor certification and travel to instruct Lean Six Sigma courses.

First M1A2 Abrams vehicle inducted into disassembly process

During a recent ceremony at Aniston Army Depot, Ala., the first Army M1A2 Abrams vehicle was inducted into the System Enhancement Package overhaul program disassembly process. Under SEP, the depot will produce two pilot program M1A2s and three Proof of Principle vehicles.

ANCA delivers last GB-filled munitions

The Enhanced On-Site Container was recently used to safely move the final load of nerve agent GB-filled chemical munitions from a storage igloo to the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, Ala. This was the last of 2,872 trips needed in order to safely move the entire stockpile. The movement and disposal of the GB, or Sarin, stockpile during the past 31 months has emptied 43 chemical munitions storage igloos.

Rock Island Arsenal JMTC receives welding award

The Non-Destructive Testing procedures used at the Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center, Ill., recently earned a “Best Practice” designation from the Edison Welding Institute. The award came after members of EWJ made an unannounced visit to review the weld processes used on the M119 Howitzer.

RDECOM engineer saves \$10 million with suggestion

Jerry Dickson, an electronics engineer at Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., saved the government \$10 million with his suggestion to improve existing design tools and libraries for an Army program. He was named the Department of the Army 2005 Civilian Suggester of the Year.

Did you know...

Anthony LaPlaca, director of the Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command Logistics and Readiness Center recently retired with more than 36 years of government service. LaPlaca spent 10 years as a member of the Senior Executive Service. He was presented the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service and the Outstanding Service Award for Senior Executive Service members at his retirement ceremony.

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